

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## BRINGING HOME THE FACTS.

General Wood's emphatic statement before the house military committee yesterday, and President Wilson's opening speech of his "preparedness" campaign, should go a long way to silence the ultra-pacifists who insist that no expansion of army or navy is necessary.

Gen. Wood points out that the American army at present is not even ready to undertake armed intervention in Mexico. Now even the most determined pacifist can hardly continue to look with complacency on the Mexican situation, can scarcely argue that under no circumstances should the United States intervene. And if the United States does intervene, it should be with a strength, vigor and drive that would end the struggle as soon as possible. To send an adequate force across the Rio Grande means years of guerilla warfare, in which American lives would be needlessly sacrificed and the very order delayed which armed intervention is intended quickly to restore.

The president's statement that he is not "set" on the details of the bigger army plan is significant. It probably means that he will not insist on carrying through the idea of a continental army, which is Secretary Garrison's plan but which is opposed by Gen. Wood and others.

## WILL GERMANY AND JAPAN BECOME ALLIES?

Through Japanese sources there has come of the diplomatic sensations of the century. It is that Japan and Russia are working toward an alliance with Germany, and that the first move has already been made in the sending to Tokio of the noble emissary, Prince Michaelovitch, representing the czar.

So far as the logic of the Oriental situation goes, there appear good reasons for such a move, though these reasons must be reckoned entirely outside the alliances of the present war. Japan's big Oriental pact now is of course with Great Britain. Russia and Japan have a less sweeping agreement, the outcome of the Russo-Japanese war. Germany is formally at war with Japan.

Yet though Japan and Germany are belligerents, the commercial interests of these two nations are not clashing so strongly as those of Japan and Great Britain. Already there are more than mutterings of a storm approaching because of China. It was pointed out in these columns some months ago that Japan's growing dominance in China must be a matter of grave concern to Great Britain, for not only was Chinese sovereignty impaired, but British political and commercial interests very seriously menaced.

The British press was quick to recognize this when last year Japan made the famous "twenty-one" demands on China—seven of which, it is reported, have lately been renewed. The well-informed and powerful British newspapers called on the government to safeguard the nation's commercial interests and for awhile there threatened to be friction with Tokio. But Great Britain, plunged into a savage and inexorable war in which Japan was her ally, could not make a vigorous move on behalf of China. Nor could Russia, whose Mongolian interests are also in part opposed to those of Japan. The situation was in Japan's hand and the statesmen of Tokio knew it full well.

The situation is still in Japan's hands, but such will not be the case when this war ends, particularly if it ends in favor of the Allies. Then inevitably Great Britain must make some move to regain her diminishing influence in the Celestial land. The friction with Japan is likely to be much sharper than now.

It is a commonplace of present-day diplomacy that though Great Britain and Japan are allies in word, in the fact of the Oriental situation they are potential enemies. Their interests are now and must continue to be diametrically opposed. And this is the reason why Japan is said to be at least considering an alliance with Germany and Russia.

Germany had Kiaochow as a commercial and military base in China and was rapidly extending her commercial spheres of influence. Still, Germany, Russia and Japan conceivably could partition China in a mutually satisfactory manner, something that Great Britain and Japan can hardly do. And this tri-party alliance moreover would have tremendous military as well as economic and diplomatic strength.

Great Britain's surest way to block such a

move would be to concede Japan's hegemony in Far Eastern affairs. In this connection, a despatch published today is highly significant. It intimates that Britain has already agreed to Japanese preponderance in the Orient—something the British statesmen would never do unless their hands were tied, as now, by the imperative necessity of keeping Japan as an ally who may yet be called to send an army to Europe and a fleet to European waters.

For many months past the press of Japan has discussed Germany and German affairs in a manner so conciliatory and appreciative that a reader ignorant of the European conflict would scarcely suspect the two nations of being avowed enemies. Many of the Japanese papers have discussed the possibility of Germany as an ally, and still more have expressed dissatisfaction with the British alliance. Probably these utterances are not inspired by the government, but certainly, with the strict censorship which the Japanese government always exercises over the Japanese press, the editorials could not continue without some tacit approval among powerful statesmen.

The story that comes to Honolulu is that talk of the Russo-German-Japanese alliance has gone so far as to create lively alarm in London—that a British diplomat is now on his way to Tokio to combat the influences working for such a pact.

It would indeed be a surprising turn of world-affairs to find Germany and Japan in full alliance. But politics, pecuniary interests and diplomacy make strange bed-fellows. Who would have believed ten years ago that Russia and Great Britain would be standing shoulder to shoulder? That Great Britain and Turkey would be fighting each other desperately? In the next ten years, what other startling changes in the line-up may not develop?

The Gallipoli fight was the biggest of all blunders made by the Entente Powers, a visiting war-correspondent informs us. Little news in that. It has been apparent for months. If the English war-correspondents had said these things when the campaign began instead of when it was nearly through, their words would be more to the point. But very likely the censor wouldn't have let their gloomy predictions get past, anyway.

Japan says little and does a great deal of preparedness. The latest proof that this nation is "preparing" is the completion of an immense drydock at Yokosuka. After the drydock at Pearl Harbor collapsed it took the U. S. navy department about a year to decide how to go ahead and start rebuilding.

Now it is understood that a mainlander is coming to take the district attorney's office. One would think that the experiences of the department of justice would induce it to name a Hawaii man, or at least one who has been here long enough to get specially acclimated.

Hawaii will not ask for that naval academy just now. It is felt that the territory should not imperil other and more substantial matters by putting in a plea for the academy. There is also some doubt as to whether the request would be greeted with a frown or a laugh.

Hawaii needs six battleships, Gen. Arthur Murray is quoted as saying. It will be years before they can be secured. Meanwhile a new and fast coast-guard cutter all the year around would help some.

"Preparedness" for Hawaii is not alone in mulling up the national guard. It is also in constructing good roads and assuring prospective tourists an abundance of hotel accommodations.

The exchange of diplomatic notes between the governor and his land commissioner has now reached the point of a severance of friendly relations.

The district attorney's office seems to have been a "jonah" since R. W. Breckons, Republican, stepped out to make way for a deserving Democrat.

With President Wilson in a fighting mood another note may confidently be expected.

Montenegro's other general is probably captured by this time.

No, Greece does not have to join the Allies—she can starve.

## SNAPP GIVES UP ADJUTANT'S JOB FOR VETERANS

In place of Henry L. Snapp, who has been ordered to the mainland, Wesley F. Kane, Camp 4, United Spanish War Veterans, has been named as department adjutant by James T. McDonald, department commander.

The resignation of Snapp as department adjutant took effect January 24 and Kane at once assumed the office. In his order announcing the resignation of Adjutant Snapp, Commander McDonald says:

"The department commander takes this opportunity to express to Comrade Snapp his high appreciation of the manner in which he has carried on the affairs of his office. The department loses in Comrade Snapp a soldier of high ideals, and a comrade whose services to the United Spanish War Veterans was all that was to be desired."

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. McDUFFIE: Men on the defective force do not expect to get much sleep during Carnival week.

—CAPT. WILLIAM R. POSTER, harbor-master: They can't get the new piers, 8, 9 and 10, done any too soon to suit me. We need them right now.

—SHERIFF CHARLES H. ROSE: I find so many knooks about myself in the newspapers that when I pick up a paper, and don't see any it makes me feel as though I was being slighted.

—JAMES A. WILDER: I assure you I am simply charmed at the opportunity to go to Kauai as representative of the Boy Scouts and meet the citizens and the teachers—especially the teachers.

—HARRY MURRAY: The water department is making a list of delinquent users of water, and will be prepared in a short time to begin a thorough crusade against those who have not paid up their bills.

—MARK COLBURN: The city isn't the only bunch that can sport a motor mowing machine. Ours on the capitol grounds is two horsepower and weighs at least 600 pounds. It certainly gets over the grass in fine style.

—HENRY JUDD: We banded together in a mule quartet—Erdman, Schenck, Akana and myself—during our recent trip to the evangelizing meetings in Hilo, and almost surprised ourselves with the success we had.

—MAYOR LANE: I have given Peter Kalani instructions to get the band out on Tuesday morning when the Great Northern docks. I think our rainy weather is ended now, and we want to celebrate the return of spring.

—PHIL DANKY: Out of 35 possible hotels, family hotels and apartment houses in Honolulu, I doubt if room to accommodate 100 persons can be found at present. I wonder what the situation will be like in Carnival time?

—CHARLES J. MCCARTHY: It was certainly good concrete that they used in laying the old tiles on the capitol lands. I have watched the workmen tearing it apart in preparation for the new tiles, and have been interested to see how well it has held after many years.

—RAYMOND C. BROWN: I have listened to "Faust" by opera companies in England, France, Germany, Poland, Russia and the mainland, and I have never heard a better rendition of it than was given by the De Folco company at the opera house Wednesday night.

—DR. R. G. AYER: The hospital at the police station is just what its name implies—an Emergency Hospital—and it meets emergencies and gives quick service in accident cases, which is important. I do not see how Honolulu got along until recently without such a hospital.

—J. L. McLEAN: It might be a good thing for Honolulu to provide adequate hotel facilities before advertising the tourist attractions of the islands so strenuously. The congestion is noticeable right now. What's the use of inviting thousands of tourists here if we haven't any hotel room for them when they arrive?

## A. L. C. ATKINSON MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE BOARD

A. L. C. Atkinson, the Honolulu attorney, is now a full-fledged member of the territorial board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry. He received his commission from the governor yesterday and sat as a member of the board at the meeting today.

## ONLY ONE CIVIL CASE COMING UP MONSARRAT SAYS

Police Court Judge Volunteers Statement; "Placed in False Light," He Insists

That he has been criticized without grounds and that his court has been placed in a false light by the morning paper, was the statement volunteered by Judge Monsarrat today, in regard to the allegation made that his criminal calendar is "cluttered up" and civil cases were "piling up" in his court.

"There is but one civil case pending," Judge Monsarrat said, "and that will come before the court and probably be disposed of this afternoon. The civil calendar is always clear."

"I did not refuse to sit more than three afternoons a week because I did not want to 'fix a precedent.' I refused Wednesday to set a case for Thursday because it was already set for today, and there was nothing about it requiring an extra session of the court. The clerk of the court must have some time to write the records, and I must have some time to look up points of law and consider cases, and this I have done three afternoons in the week when court is not in session."

"In San Francisco the police judges sit from 10 until 12 o'clock each day, and hear nothing but criminal cases. I am on the bench each day from 9 until 12 and hear civil cases three afternoons a week.

"When criminal cases are continued it is at the request of the prosecuting attorney, or counsel for defense, and with a reasonable excuse. The case continued 45 times was one where a man had no counsel, and the prosecuting attorney asked for the continuance because some expert testimony was required to convict him, and for other good reasons."

That the calendar of the police court is not "cluttered up" is shown by the fact that there were but 16 continued cases on it today.

## SIXTY MEN JOIN NAVAL MILITIA

Sixty men attended the last meeting of the Naval Militia, and besides hearing an interesting talk by Lieut. Frank J. Lowry, commander of the Alert, were given setting-up exercises and other work. Dr. W. C. Hobdy is examining candidates through the week, not having been able to attend the meeting.

Great interest was shown by those who attended and the Naval Militia is now firmly established. It is the intention of Lieut. cmdr. Alonzo Gartley to increase the organization as rapidly as possible to a battalion, which consists of two divisions, and the ultimate aim is to make it a brigade of two or more battalions.

As soon as the organization is ready it will be divided in two divisions of from 40 to 60 men each, one a deck and one an engineer's division. For each 48 men there will be 15 petty officers and there will be three commissioned officers to each division.

Meeting of the Naval Militia will be held every Tuesday night at the armory.

## Personal Mention

G. W. H. KING, deputy auditor of the territory, left Wednesday for a trip to Hilo, where he goes on business connected with the department.

HERBERT FLEISHHACKER, the San Francisco banker who lately visited Honolulu, has been appointed to the federal advisory board, an adjunct to the federal reserve board.

MISS HARRIET CONGDON arrived yesterday on the steamer Niagara to accept a position in the English department at Mills school. Miss Congdon was formerly dean of women at Hillsdale college, Hillsdale, Michigan.

SISTER MARIE REGAL and Sister Marie Guymar arrived in Honolulu from South America in the steamer Anyo Maru yesterday on their way to San Francisco from Lima, Peru. They will remain here for three or four months as guests at the convent of the Sacred Hearts, Fort street.

British capital flotations during 1915 amounted to \$5,235,000,000.

## DWELLINGS FOR RENT

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## STILL TAKING TESTIMONY ON RIOT IN IWILEI

Blame for the riot in the Iwilei district, which was disclaimed for the 9th Cavalry by officers of that regiment and shifted to the men of the 25th Infantry, has not yet been fixed, although a thorough investigation is being conducted, the judge advocate of the Hawaiian Department having taken it up.

More than a dozen enlisted men of the 2d Infantry, who were on the provost guard the night of the riot, have been examined at headquarters and their evidence will have a great deal of weight.

Individual members of the 25th Infantry have been punished at Schofield Barracks, not for participating in the riot, but for being drunk or disorderly the night of the riot.

It will be impossible to find which of the men were guilty of inciting the trouble, or were the ringleaders, and the identity of most of those in the riot is not known.

## CIVIL SERVICE BOARD TO HEAR CRAMER CASE TOMORROW AFTERNOON

At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon a meeting of the city civil service commission will be held in the city hall to hear the case of Police Officer Cramer vs. Pvt. Edward M. Admundsen of Company A, Fort Shafter. Admundsen's contention is that Cramer assaulted him unlawfully on Christmas Eve, striking him across the face with a blacksnake whip.

## NO CHANGE IN HAWAIIAN FERTILIZER DIRECTORATE

There were no changes made in the board of directors or officials of the Hawaiian Fertilizer Company, Ltd., at the annual stockholders' meeting held yesterday at the office of Castle & Cooke. E. D. Tenney was reelected president; J. P. Cooke, vice-president; E. Faxon Bishop, treasurer; John Waterhouse, secretary, and Norman Watkins, general manager. Formal routine reports were submitted and adopted. The shortage of potash was not even discussed, "for," as one officer of the company said, "there is nothing we can do but grin and bear it."

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1246 Kinau St. .... 2 " ..... 30.00  
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